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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, which has a statutorily shortened period that is being extended to end May 21, 2007, includes:

Amendments to the specification;

A listing of the claims presented for further examination;

A description of the amendments to the drawings;

Remarks offered in reply to the pending Office Action; and

A replacement drawing sheet 8/8, and is accompanied by:

A Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time.

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